

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**“INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
ACCORDING TO 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)**

APPLICANT: Robert Kagermeier, et al. DOCKET NO.: P04,0070
SERIAL NO.: 10/799,093 GROUP ART UNIT: 2635
FILING DATE: March 12, 2004 CONFIRMATION NO.: 7602
INVENTION: **“TECHNICAL DEVICE AND ASSOCIATED REMOTE
CONTROL”**

Mail Stop Missing Parts
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 Applicants submit the references identified on the attached PTO/SB/08a form for Examiner's consideration and citation in the present application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a), no copies of the U.S. patent documents are being supplied herewith. As of the mailing date of this Information Disclosure Statement, the first office action on the merits have not been received in connection with this application and therefore this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) and no fee is necessary.


An action in the German Patent Application upon which the present application claims priority cites three references of record, namely EP 054 72 80 A1, DE 41 08 374 C2 and DE 44 21 798 C2.

Enclosed for the Examiner's review is an English abstract of European Patent Publication EP 54 72 80 A1, an English abstract of German Patent Document DE 41 083 47 A along with a copy of the corresponding issued German Patent DE 41 08 347 C2. The German Patent document DE 44 21 78 C2 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,561,699, which is cited in the attached list.



The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any additional fees or credit any surpluses to deposit account 501519.

Respectfully submitted,

 (#31,870)


Melvin A. Robinson
Schiff Hardin LLP
Patent Department
6600 Sears Tower
Chicago, Illinois 60606
Telephone: 312-258-5785
CUSTOMER NO. 26574
ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANT

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to:

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on May 23, 2005


Melvin A. Robinson

CHI\4259893.1



PTO/SB/08a (08-03)

Approved for use through 7/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	10/799,093
				Filing Date	March 12, 2004
				First Named Inventor	Robert Kagermeier, et al.
				Art Unit	2635
				Examiner Name	
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	P04,0070

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
	AA	US-5,561,699	10/1/1996	Fenner	
	AB	US-			
	AC	US-			
	AD	US-			
	AE	US-			
	AF	US-			
	AG	US-			
	AH	US-			
	AI	US-			
	AJ	US-			
	AK	US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
	AL	DE 41 08 347 C2	9/17/1992	Mannesmann AG		
	AM	EP 054 72 80 A1	6/23/1993	Abus Werner Bühne KG		
	AN	DE 442 17 98 C2 (SEE AA)				
	AO					
	AP					
	AQ					
	AR					
	AS					
	AT					
	AU					
	AV					
	AW					

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.